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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	EP 673155 A2 (SEIKO EPSON COMP.) 20 September 1995 (20.09.1995) <i>figures 1,7,8; Page 5, Line 26 - Page 6, Line 21</i>	1,11,38
A		17,31,39,40
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